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Organization of Trudovaks

1. A special command in the Ministry of Defense is in charge of Trudovaks. The Trudovak headquarters are located at 25 Tsar Krum Street in Sofia. Lieutenant General Blagoi Ivanov was commander of the Trudovaks until his death in January 1952, when he was replaced by Lieutenant General Kaneti. Other prominent Trudovak officers are:
 - a. Colonel Totev, chief of staff;
 - b. Colonel Patkov, chief political instructor; and
 - c. Colonel Marinopolski, chief of the Operations Section.
2. Bulgaria is divided into eight Trudovak Oblasts:
 - a. The 1 Oblast, in Sofia;
 - b. The 2 Oblast, in Plovdiv;
 - c. The 3 Oblast, in Sliven;
 - d. The 4 Oblast, in Shumen;
 - e. The 5 Oblast, in Turnovo;
 - f. The 6 Oblast, in Pleven;

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- g. The 7 Oblast, in Radomir; and
 - h. The 8 Oblast, in Stara Zagora.
3. In addition to the oblasts listed in paragraph 2, the following units are under the command of Trudovak Headquarters in Sofia:
- a. A Trudovak Construction Brigade, with headquarters in Sofia, composed of approximately 3,000 men;
 - b. A Trudovak brick factory in Sofia, located near the Sofia sugar factory, employing approximately 1,400 men; and
 - c. A Trudovak Officers School in Sofia, with 800 to 1,000 students; the school has two courses: a six-month course for Army reserve officers who have completed the gymnasium, and an 11-month course for Army reserve officers who have not completed the gymnasium; Colonel Chustabanov is the commander of the school.
4. Each Trudovak oblast has 8,000 to 10,000 men and is divided into three Grupi (groups) of 2,000 to 3,000 men. Each group is composed of four working companies and one transportation company. Each Trudovak company has 400 to 600 men and is divided into platoons of approximately 100 men.

The 4 Trudovak Oblast

5. The 4 Trudovak Oblast, with headquarters in Shumen, was responsible for the following districts: Shumen, Dobrich, Varna, Isperrikh (N4343 E2648), Silistra, Tutrakan, Ruse, Popovo (N4321 E2614), Razgrad (N4332 E2631), Smyadovo (N4304 E2702), Biala (N4327 E2544), and Pomorie.
6. In 1946, the commander of 4 Oblast was Lieutenant Colonel Nenkov, who was arrested on charges of being a member of the Tsar Krum anti-Communist organization. He was replaced by Colonel Angel Daaliev, who retired in 1948. Political Commissar Major Sotirov was arrested in 1949 and replaced by Captain Trayan Georgiev, who, in 1950, was transferred to the Trudovak brick factory in Sofia. Late in 1951, the following officers were in 4 Oblast:
- a. Lieutenant Colonel Kovachev, commanding officer;
 - b. Captain Vasilev, political commissar;
 - c. Major Savov, chief of supply; and
 - d. Captain Georgi Yankov, chief of the technical section.
7. In 1949, the 1 Group, 4 Oblast, which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Maradzhiev, who later retired, was composed of the following companies:
- a. The 1 Construction Company, commanded by Captain Tsole Kostov, who later retired;
 - b. The 2 Technical Company, commanded by Captain Georgi Kurtev, who was later dismissed;
 - c. The 8 Working Company, commanded by First Lieutenant Yoto Tsolev, who in 1951 was promoted to captain and transferred to 6 Oblast in Pleven;

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- d. The 12 Working Company, commanded by First Lieutenant Rusi Zhechev, who was promoted to captain in 1951; and
- e. The 10 Transportation Company, commanded by First Lieutenant Uzŭnov, who was promoted to captain in 1951 and transferred to 4 Oblast headquarters.¹

Construction of Airfield at Dobrich

8. In 1948, construction was started on an airfield located several hundred meters north of the railroad station north of Dobrich. The construction of runways and hangars was being done by Trudovaks from 4 Oblast in Shumen and had not been completed by the end of 1951. At that time, Captain Rusi Zhechev was in charge of the Trudovak company working at the airfield.²

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